

## Church News.

### FROM PHILADELPHIA, PA.

About eight years ago I said: "Lord if you will stand by me I will drop my school and all else and give my whole time in thy service; but if thou wilt not keep me I will go back to my old trade for a living." O that skeptical "if," there was no if about it. "Truly I say unto you there is No man that has left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands for my sake, and the gospel's; but he shall receive a hundred fold now in this time houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life."

I was so skeptical I could not trust Christ until I tried him. So with more or less doubts I left my dear father and my dear mother who are now sleeping in Jesus, and three dear brothers and my one only sister, and my little house beside the rippling stream where my dear wife was born of water, for the sake of him, who died for me and the gospels, and moved among the dear brethren in Md. There I found houses fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters, that supplied my needs. By faith I moved to Ohio. O, time would fail me to tell you how abundantly Jesus proved himself here. I traveled through fifteen states and I found, when away from home, wives and children to help, and cheer me on the way. Again somewhat skeptical about Jesus fulfilling this promise in Philadelphia I said: "Lord for thy sake and the gospel's I will go. If—Oh that crooked little word—if you will stand by me, I will push on thy cause in the city." He has been verifying his promise in one continual increasing stream. The Lord has given me for my hire more than double the souls I expected he would since I came to the city.

He has blessed me in intellectual and spiritual development. He has doubled my faith in his promises.

Just about two weeks ago Mrs. Bowman said "papa," we are out of money and we need some things for over Sunday." I said "well I don't know what to do, I hate to borrow and you know I won't buy groceries on time; if we can't do without I will try to borrow a little "money." In less than two hours a lady brought me two dollars, just the amount I was going to borrow; it came from an unthought of source. I said, "thank the Lord, he won't let us stick."

As I was dressing my self a few days ago I said, "well I must order a suit of clothes very soon, but I will be a little pressed until after Christmas I guess I will make these do." And on Thanksgiving eve when I went home from prayer meeting, and saw the light shining through the curtain I said to the one by my side, "I must have company," I opened the door; the house full of fathers and mothers grand-fathers and grand-mothers, and wives and children brothers and sisters, and my kitchen table groaning

beneath a load of things that I will not take time to mention.

Among the many valuables was a beautiful eight-day parlor clock. Just a few days ago my wife said, "Isaac, you ought to get a better clock this little thing is no good." She hasn't said a word about getting one since.

One dear bro. said "open that bundle over there" and being taught obedience from childhood, I obeyed. And I say truthfully "I unfolded the best suit of clothes I ever had. Just turned up at the right time. And the funniest thing of all, a thing that never happened before since I was married, two large, fat Thanksgiving turkeys in one day. Now Bro. Editor what have you to say?"

One expressed from my mission point, in Md., the other in the Thanksgiving donation. Indeed I feel now that the treacherous "if" has been cornered and captured and I can exclaim truthfully I know that thou wilt give a hundred fold in this world, to those who will forsake all for Christ and eternal life in the world to come.

I feel truly thankful for the valuable presents. I feel more thankful for the loving hearts back of the presents that prompted the gift. I feel still more thankful to God for creating such hearts of love and sympathy for their unworthy pastor.

Silver and gold I have none to give them but by God's help I am more determined than ever to give them spiritual food from heaven which is far better because imperishable and eternal.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

### ADRIAN, MO.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS:—The church here at Adrian is still alive and we are trying to do what we can for our Master. On Thanksgiving day we took up a Missionary collection. Amount raised \$2.80. Bro. H. Leech of Gunison, Col., was with us one week in Nov. and preached some good sermons. Bro. Beeghly of Neb. was also here. We have failed in getting Bro. Swihart. It was quite a disappointment to us. We are rejoiced to see so much good news in the EVANGELIST. We hope the church and King's Children will prosper continually. Our society is very small here but we are trying to do what we can. To-night is our regular meeting. We are still trying to get some minister to come and hold a series of meetings for us. Hope we will succeed.

Your sister in Christ,  
ANNIE SHOWALTER.

### FROM MULVANE, KANSAS.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS IN CHRIST:—I wish to inform you that the Brethren church or class at Star school house is still in progress. Sunday school each Sunday with good interest. We have prayer and Bible reading every Sunday evening.

The meetings are interesting. Bro. Beer was with us last Sunday a week. He baptized one applicant, preached Sunday at eleven o'clock and also Sunday evening. I think possibly we will have a series of meetings in progress in a week or two. I desire the prayers of the EVANGELIST readers that I may do something for our Master.

ESTELLA FELLERS.

### FROM FAIR VIEW, IND.

Fair View at present is without a pastor. Sister Grossnickle, our former pastor, who, as president of the National Organization of the S. S. C. E. has, since closing her pastorate with us, been devoting her time in the interests of the organization in Indiana, Illinois and Michigan as has been reported through the columns of the EVANGELIST from time to time. Sister G. expects to leave for her home in Maryland on or about the first of January. Our Sunday school is in good condition and bids fair to continue so throughout the winter season. Our S. S. C. E. is also in good working order and is growing in interest and membership.

In the future the society will meet every two or three weeks instead of monthly as in the past. Preparations are being made for Christmas exercises at the church Christmas eve and an interesting program will be presented.

H. MONROE HARDMAN.

### FROM OTTAWA, KAN.

DEAR READERS OF THE EVANGELIST:—As some of our friends desire to hear from us through the paper, we will gladly let you know that we are still in the field as a worker. Have just got back from Unionville, Iowa; as the church there wants us to serve them twice a month for the next ten months, we will gladly do so as we have learned to love them dearly in the association of the past year, and we will labor with them for a greater degree of spirituality and also an increase of numbers.

We have done some revival work and also some carpenter work, but I would rather drive the nails of Gospel truth, especially if I could countersink the truth; then I would be building for God and eternity instead of man. We expect to hold a revival in Neosho County, beginning about the 27th of this month. Will also keep up two other points during the conference year and will also do some lecturing on temperance which will keep us busy most of the time. There are all of the popular churches here in this town. The Baptists have about got their massive church done, costing about \$30,000. I look at it and then at the ragged poor and think that religion makes some folks act inconsistent from the teachings of Christ. We will close for the present, hoping we will all be

willing and better workers in the future than we have in the past. May God bless and use us to his glory.

H. S. ENBLOW.

### FROM BURNS CHAPEL, IND.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Since our last report there has nothing of importance transpired. We will hold our next quarterly business meeting on Saturday, Dec. 22nd. Our protracted meeting will be held shortly after the Holidays, if God is willing. We have no Sunday school now as our church is in the country and a greater number have quite a distance to go. We concluded to close until spring although quite a number of us would desire to continue the school during the whole year.

I will give you a general average of our school during the six months: Teachers, 6; scholars, 34; visitors, 7; verses, 204; collection, \$24.00.

Mrs. MARY W. SAYGER.

### FROM GARWIN, IOWA.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—The brethren and sisters of the Garwin congregation gave our pastor and his family a very pleasant surprise the evening of the seventh inst. A very enjoyable time was experienced by all who were present. There was about forty persons present on the occasion besides the little ones; twenty-one of the number being members of the church. It was intended for the church members but there were four who could not be present on the occasion for which reason we were very sorry for we believe they would have enjoyed themselves very much. While some were in Sister Hall's parlor singing and playing on the organ, others were congregated together in the large dining room visiting and having a really old fashioned social chat. While some of the younger of the attendants were engaged in plays of various kinds. At 10 o'clock the sisters served a delicate and dainty repast, after which Brother F. E. Strong was appointed to make a presentation speech, at the close of which he, by the authority of the brethren and sisters of the church, presented to our beloved pastor, Brother Fetter Hall, the sum of \$15.00 from the church treasury; not as a compensation for his labor but as a token of affection and respect. Then following we received Brother Hall's address of thanks. We then bade them and all our brethren and sisters a hearty good-night and departed for our several places of abode, feeling that we had all had a good time. The surprise was a success as not one of the family knew a single word about it until the crowd had gathered and began to pour into Brother Hall's house like hail. It was a time long to be remembered by us all who were there. May God bless Brother Hall and family.

F. M. CHASE.